

# Valley Oaks Charter School



Back to School Issue - 2018

Welcome to the first issue of the Valley Oaks Charter School Newspaper - The Acorn!



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## Mrs. Brannon's Broadcast

Message from Mrs. Brannon

I do not know about you, but I am not quite sure where the summer has gone! However, in spite of what seemed like a short break, the staff at Valley Oaks is anxiously anticipating an educational, exciting, and invigorating school year. We heartily welcome all new students and families and are pleased that you have chosen to be a part of Valley Oaks Charter School. To our returning families, we enthusiastically welcome you back and are grateful for your expertise, volunteer spirit, camaraderie, and knowledge that has helped Valley Oaks grow and prosper over the years. So, get on your mark, get set and let's go into 2018-2019 with energy and the will to achieve whatever goals you have set for this year. The VOCS staff will do whatever it takes to help you be successful in your quest. Very quickly, another year will pass, so make the most of it, take advantage of the many resources VOCS has to offer, connect and collaborate with other VOCS families, and above all have a fun and rewarding experience.

Mrs. Brannon  
Principal, TK- 8

## Around the Farm

A Brief History of Hokit Farm  
Contributed by Lorrie Roberts

Hokit Farm began as the dream of one of VOCS' first teachers, Mr. Lloyd Hokit. He had previously been a local high school and college agriculture teacher. His vision was to create a self-sustaining farm here at VOCS. The VOCS campus was originally an oil tool company that was covered in asphalt. He developed a plan that utilized the VOCS community of staff, students and parents to bring in clean dirt, made compost, built planting beds, animal pens, planted sod, trees and the garden. Today, Hokit Farm at VOCS is very close to achieving his dream of a self-sustaining farm.



## Upcoming Events

**August 20th**

Parent Educator Conference

**August 21st**

Enrichment Registration (TK – 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**August 22nd**

Enrichment Registration (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

**August 23rd**

Enrichment Registration (Fine/Industrial Arts)

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Labor Day – No School

**September 4th**

Counselor's Corner Fall Workshop – Parents of 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students only

**September 6th**

VOPTAC Meeting

**September 7th**

End of Reporting Period #1

**September 10th**

KC's Reading Round Up log due to RT (K-6<sup>th</sup>)

**September 12th**

First day of Enrichment Session I

**September 12th**

Parent Workshop – Goal Setting

**September 12th**

Science Fair Info Meeting – After Enrichment

**September 14th**

Coastal Horse Rescue Field Trip

**September 19th**

Enrichment

**September 19th**

Battle of the Books Info Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

**September 20th**

Dewar's Field Trip

**September 25th**

Kern County Fair Field Trip

**September 26th**

Enrichment

**September 28th**

Pulford Apple Farm Field Trip

## VOPTAC News

Message from Tiffany Edgerle, VOPTAC President

Welcome to 2018-2019 School Year here at Valley Oaks Charter! The newly organized Valley Oaks Parent Teacher Advisory Council would like to extend an invitation to our upcoming meetings this year. Our one-hour meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Meeting Area. Childcare will be provided in the PlayRoom next door. Our meetings will cover all-school events such as Family Picnic Days, Halloween Costume Skate Party, Holiday Bazaar, Christmas Party, our annual Scholastic Book Fair and our end-of-the-year Extravaganza! Every Parent Educator is invited to fill out a membership form, given to you through your resource teacher, and return it in order to be eligible to vote at our meetings.

Our scheduled Meetings this coming 2018-2019 school year at as follows: Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Dec 6th, Jan 10th, Feb 7th, March 7th, Apr 4th and May 2nd

Your VOPTAC Board Members this year are:  
President: Tiffany Edgerle; Vice President: Samantha Babb;  
Secretary: Jennifer Massie; Treasurer: Holly Kuntz; Media Chair: Amy Punt

Let us know if we can serve you in any way! Looking forward to a fun year as we strive to make it the best it can be for our students! If you have an questions, please email [Voptac@Gmail.com](mailto:Voptac@Gmail.com).

## Club Connection

Does your child want to make some new friends this year, try something new, or just get more involved in the VOCS community? Clubs are a perfect place to start. Each month we will be highlighting one of the fantastic clubs at VOCS.

### Some of the clubs available this year:

- Chess Club
- Journalism/Yearbook Club
- Drama Club (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> only)
- Junior ASB

## Creative Corner

Calling all artists! Do you have an original story, poem or piece of artwork you would like to share? Contact the VOCS Elementary front desk for more information at (661) 852-6700.

## Our Vendors

### Vendor List for the 2018-2019 School Year

**Families are welcome to choose any vendor regardless of location. Be sure to check with each vendor for locations, classes and hours.**

3B Events & Equestrian Facility • Action Sports Inc. • American Kids • Bakersfield Swim • Bear Force Taekwondo Academy • Cassandra Wilsted Photography • Centre Stage Dance & Performing Arts • The Children's Cottage • Cottage Arts Sewing & Art Lessons • Colorful Strokes • The Dance Craze • Deedra Patrick Talent Development • Downtown Dance Arts Centre • Engineering for Kids • Frazier Mt. Focus Central • Galaxy Sports Group • Goju Ryu Karate • Golden Tiger Karate • Janssen Fitness Centers, Inc. • Japan Martial Arts Academy J&M Dance Center-Classical Ballet, Fitness, Dance • J&M Dance Center-Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop • Kern Athletic Fencing Foundation • Lion Heart MMA • LPK Equestrian Enterprises, INC • Mesh Cowork, LLC • Mountain Music-Ukulele Class • My Gym Children's Fitness • PennPoint Dance Academy • Perfect 10 Gymnastics • Pinnacle Performance • Sewing Lessons-Nannette Keller LLC • Silo Productions Guitar Lessons • Slice of Life Enrichment School, LLC • Stockdale Country Club Tennis • Tehachapi Martial Arts • Warrior Jiu Jitsu



## Student Standouts and Staff Spotlights

Each month The Acorn will be highlighting a different staff member to learn more about what the amazing staff of VOCS is doing behind the scenes. The Acorn will also be sharing some of the outstanding accomplishments of our students.

## Your Ad Here

Do you have a local business? Are you interested in supporting The Acorn? We would love to help you advertise your business. Contact the VOCS Elementary front desk for more information at (661) 852-6700.